

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the two paragraphs beginning at line 22 on page 32 as follows:

In use, the fusion cage 202 of the cage system 201 is inserted into a predrilled threaded set of grooves forming a bore-like structure in and between adjacent vertebral bodies and a bone graft is introduced in much the same manner as the embodiments previously described. As best shown in ~~Fig.~~ Figs. 15, 16 and 17, once the cage 202 is implanted, the expansion cap 203 is positioned at the front or anterior end of the cage 202 at the front ends 230 and 231, as is seen in Fig. 16, so that the expansion member or cap 203 is anteriorly located and anteriorly accessible. The expansion cap 203 is installed over the post 223, so that the rear surface of the wall 242 rests against the front end surfaces 230 and 231.

A first nut 251 is threaded onto the threaded surface of the post 241 by rotation thereof and is snugged against the rear wall of the expansion cap 243, forcing the upper and lower walls 210 and 211 apart, so that the implant cage 202 assumes the generally wedge shape depicted in Fig. 17. The nut 251 is tightened until the rearward approach of the face ring rear wall 243 is stopped by contacting the front end surfaces 230 and 231.